

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2005-125-G

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR APPLICATION OF THE NATURAL GAS RATE STABILIZATION ACT TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES AND NOTICE OF FILING OF QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT AND PROPOSED RATE CHANGES.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), pursuant to Section 58-5-410 of the S. C. Code of Laws, has filed a Notice of its election of the application of the terms of the South Carolina Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act (the "Act") with the Public Service Commission ("the Commission") regarding Piedmont's rates and charges for gas distribution services provided within the State of South Carolina. In conjunction with this election and as required by Sections 58-5-410 and 58-5-420 of the S. C. Code of Laws, Piedmont requests that the Commission make such findings and establish such ongoing procedures as may be required for prospective adjustments to Piedmont's base rates utilizing the rates, charges, revenues, expenses, capital structure, returns, and other matters established in Piedmont's most recent general rate proceeding in Docket No. 2002-63-G.

Piedmont has also filed (1) its quarterly monitoring report for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2005, and (2) the required revenue deficiency calculations and proposed changes to its tariff rates necessary to permit Piedmont the opportunity to earn the rate of return on common equity established in its last general rate case as specified in Section 58-5-420(1). Piedmont requests that the Commission review and accept these documents consistent with Sections 58-5-430 and 58-5-440 and issue an initial order approving the proposed rate changes set forth in the Notice of Filing of Quarterly Monitoring Report and Proposed Rate Changes on or before October 15, 2005 in conformance with the procedures set forth in Section 58-5-455 of the Act.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2005**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, SC.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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